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**Key findings for the Southern Region from the Crop Production 2019 Summary**

**Alabama:** Corn for grain production for 2019 totaled 44.8 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2018. Cotton production at 1.08 million bales is up 22 percent from last year’s hurricane damaged crop. If realized, this will be largest production since 1948. Peanut production totaled 529 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2018. Soybean production, at 9.36 million bushels, was down 30 percent due primarily to the decline in planted acres.

**Florida:** Despite yield at a record high 161 bushels per acre, corn for grain production for 2019 totaled 8.69 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2018. Cotton production at 190,000 bales is up 84 percent from last year’s crop which was devastated by Hurricane Michael. Peanut production totaled 589 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from 2018. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production, at 17.1 million tons, was down 1 percent from last year.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production for 2019 totaled 56.0 million bushels, an increase of 12 percent from 2018. Cotton production at 2.65 million bales is up 36 percent from last year’s crop which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael resulting in 125,000 acres of abandoned cotton. Peanut production, at 2.77 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from last year. With soybeans planted at 100,000 acres, the lowest level since 1959, production in 2019 totaled 2.70 million bushels, the lowest production since 1963. With tobacco harvested acres at their lowest level since 1918, production in 2019 totaled 18.9 million pounds, the lowest since 1932.

**South Carolina:** Corn for grain production for 2019 totaled 37.1 million bushels, a decrease of 6 percent from 2018. Cotton production at 500,000 bales is up 19 percent from last year’s crop which was impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Peanut production, at 236 million pounds, was down 13 percent due primarily to the drop in planted acres compared to 2018. Soybean production, at 8.32 million bushels, was down 13 percent from last year. With tobacco harvested at 8,300 acres, the lowest level since 1893, production in 2019 totaled 15.8 million pounds, the lowest since 1911.

**Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2018 and 2019**

State	May 1		December 1	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama .....	275	200	1,750	1,100
Florida .....	65	80	570	540
Georgia .....	200	265	1,180	1,110
South Carolina.....	115	95	430	360
United States.....	15,348	14,906	79,055	84,488

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, January 2020

## Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2018 and 2019

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Corn<sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)</b>								
Alabama.....	255	320	245	305	156.0	147.0	38,220	44,835
Florida.....	95	90	62	54	157.0	161.0	9,734	8,694
Georgia.....	325	395	285	350	176.0	160.0	50,160	56,000
South Carolina.....	340	380	310	350	127.0	106.0	39,370	37,100
United States.....	88,871	89,700	81,276	81,482	176.4	168.0	14,340,369	13,691,561
<b>Cotton, all<sup>2</sup> ..... (bales)</b>								
Alabama.....	510.0	540.0	497.0	535.0	858	969	888.0	1,080.0
Florida.....	117.0	112.0	93.0	111.0	532	822	103.0	190.0
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,305.0	1,390.0	719	915	1,955.0	2,650.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	300.0	275.0	297.0	733	808	420.0	500.0
United States.....	14,100.3	13,737.8	10,205.8	11,804.5	864	817	18,367.0	20,102.0
<b>Hay, all other ..... (tons)</b>								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	850	700	2.80	2.50	2,380	1,750
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	280	270	3.10	2.90	868	783
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	600	560	2.90	2.75	1,740	1,540
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	270	270	2.50	2.10	675	567
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	36,231	35,682	1.96	2.07	70,966	73,989
<b>Peanuts ..... (pounds)</b>								
Alabama.....	165.0	160.0	161.0	158.0	3,550	3,350	571,550	529,300
Florida.....	155.0	165.0	143.0	155.0	3,950	3,800	564,850	589,000
Georgia.....	665.0	670.0	655.0	660.0	4,390	4,200	2,875,450	2,772,000
South Carolina.....	87.0	65.0	80.0	62.0	3,400	3,800	272,000	235,600
United States.....	1,425.5	1,427.7	1,373.5	1,391.7	4,001	3,949	5,495,935	5,496,087
<b>Soybeans.....(bushels)</b>								
Alabama.....	345	265	335	260	40.0	36.0	13,400	9,360
Georgia.....	145	100	130	93	39.5	29.0	5,135	2,697
South Carolina.....	390	335	330	320	29.0	26.0	9,570	8,320
United States.....	89,167	76,100	87,594	75,021	50.6	47.4	4,428,150	3,558,281
<b>Sugarcane<sup>3</sup> ..... (tons)</b>								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.3	408.2	41.9	41.8	17,256	17,060
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	899.7	912.0	38.4	34.9	34,542	31,798
<b>Tobacco..... (pounds)</b>								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	9.0	1,900	2,100	23,750	18,900
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.3	8.3	1,800	1,900	22,140	15,770
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	291.4	227.1	1,830	2,060	533,241	467,956

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

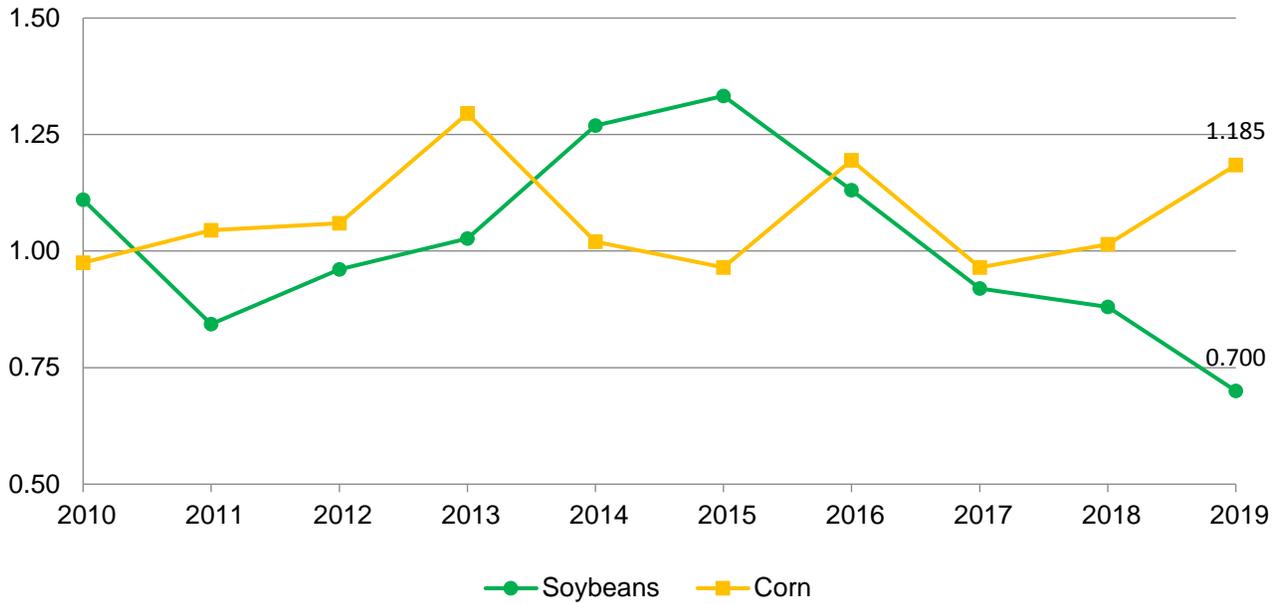
<sup>2</sup> Yield is pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>3</sup> For sugar and seed.

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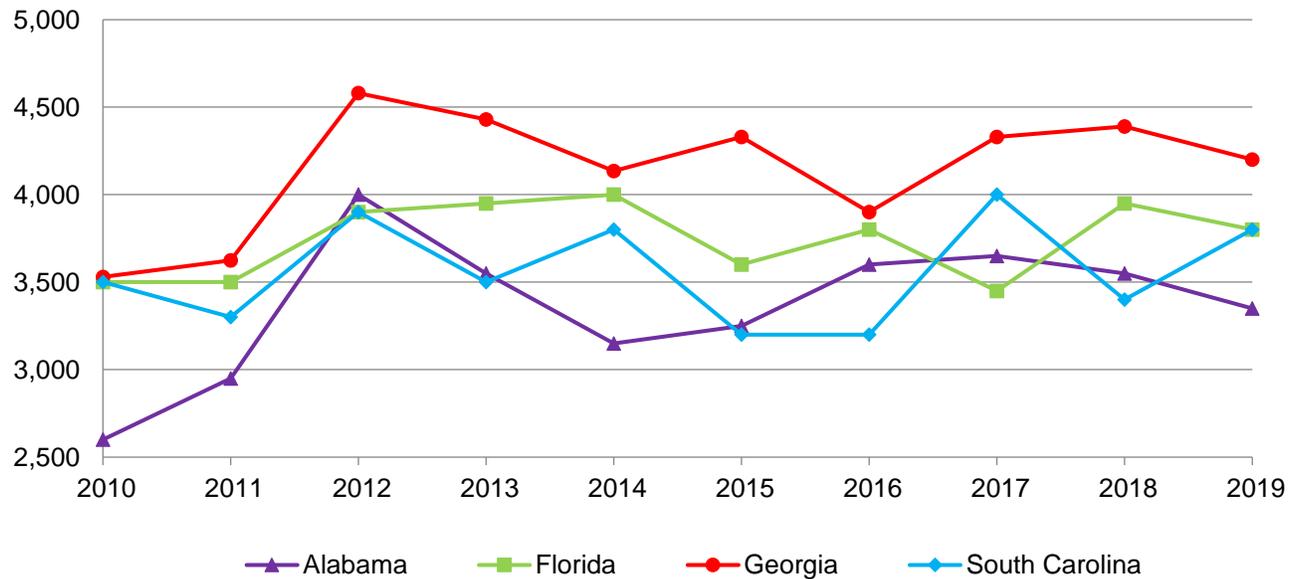
## Southern Region Soybean and Corn Acreage: 2010-2019

Millions acres



## Peanut Yield: States – 2010-2019

Pounds per acre



## Tobacco Acres Harvested: States – 2010-2019

